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## Media Bureau Announces Temporary Freeze on the Filing of Forms 301, 314 and 315 For Commercial Broadcast Stations

On September 3, 2003, the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit issued an *Order*<sup>1</sup> staying the effectiveness of the new media ownership rules adopted by the Commission on June 2, 2003.<sup>2</sup> In light of the Court's decision, the Commission has established a freeze, effective immediately and until further notice, on the filing of all applications using FCC Form 301, 314 or 315 that involve commercial stations. The freeze also applies to amendments (commercial stations) that require the use of these forms. The Media Bureau will issue a Public Notice in the near future providing further information regarding the filing of new applications as well as guidance on the processing of Form 301, 314 and 315 applications that are currently pending. Applications proposing *pro forma* assignments and transfers (FCC Form 316) for commercial and non-commercial/educational stations will continue to be processed in the normal course.

Action by the Chief, Media Bureau. For further information, contact Peter H. Doyle or Nina Shafran of the Audio Division, Media Bureau, at (202) 418-2700, or Barbara Kreisman or Jim Brown of the Video Division, Media Bureau, at (202) 418-1600.

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<sup>1</sup> *Prometheus Radio Project v. FCC*, No. 03-3388 (3d Cir. Sept. 3, 2003) (per curiam) (order granting motion to stay effective date of FCC's new ownership rules).

<sup>2</sup> *Report and Order* in MB Docket No. 02-277 and MM Docket Nos. 01-235, 01-317, and 00-244 (adopted June 2, 2003) (published in summary form in the *Federal Register*, 68 Fed. Reg. 48,265 (Aug. 5, 2003)).